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Standard for Colorants in Health Foods

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Report Highlights: On April 1, 2008, the Standardization Administration of China (SAC) notified the World Trade Organization of a standard that specifies the maximum use levels of certain colorants in health foods. This standard was notified by the WTO as G/SPS/N/CHN/107. The comment period on this notification is open until June 1, 2008. This report contains and UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION that should be used as reference only.

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Executive Summary: On April 1, 2008, the Standardization Administration of China (SAC) notified the World Trade Organization of a standard that specifies the maximum use levels of ponceau 4R, tartrazine, sunset yellow, brilliant blue, indigo carmine, allura red, erythrosine, and amaranth red in health foods. This standard was notified by the WTO as G/SPS/N/CHN/107 and the final date for comment is June 1. The proposed date of adoption is July 1 and date of entry into force is December 1, 2008.

At this point, the trade implications of this standard are unclear. Interested parties are recommended to submit comments to the Chinese SPS Enquiry Point.

Begin Translation

Hygienic Standard for Colorants in Health Foods

(Draft for Approval)

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Issued by **Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China**
General Administration of Quality supervision, Inspection and
Quarantine of the People's Republic of China

Foreword

All the technical aspects of this standard are mandatory.

This national standard was proposed by and is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China.

This national standard was drafted by the Institute for Nutrition and Food Safety of Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing Center for Diseases Control and Prevention, Shanghai Municipal Center for Disease Control & Prevention, Guangdong Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Hunan Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Hebei Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Jilin Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Fujian Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Jiangsu Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Main drafters of this national standard include Yang Dajin, Wang Zhutian, Song Shufeng, Luo Rencai, Xiong Libei, Liang Chunsui, Pan zhenqiu, Lin Shengqing and Li Qing.

This standard is issued for the first time.

Hygienic Standard for Colorants in Health Foods

1. Scope

This national standard specifies the limit of carmine, lemon yellow, sunset yellow, brilliant blue, indigo carmine, allura red, erythrosine and amaranth contained in health foods.

This national standard is applicable to carmine, lemon yellow, sunset yellow, brilliant blue, indigo carmine, allura red, erythrosine and amaranth allowed for health foods in the form of sugar-coated tablets and capsules.

2. Limit standard

Table 1 shows the limit standard of carmine, lemon yellow, sunset yellow, brilliant blue, indigo carmine, allura red, erythrosine and amaranth contained in health foods.

Table 1

Colorant name	Dosage form of health food	Limit standard (g/kg)
Carmine	Sugar-coated tablets and capsules	= 0.5
Lemon yellow		= 0.4
Sunset yellow		= 0.3
Brilliant blue		= 0.6
Indigo carmine		= 0.5
Allura red		= 0.3
Erythrosine		= 0.2
Amaranth		= 0.2